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FIRE BAN LIFTED IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY PARKS

Campers May Enjoy Holiday Campfires

Effective immediately, the use of both existing fire rings in designated campsites and barbeques will be permitted in San Diego County Parks. "We are pleased that weather conditions are allowing us to end the ban on open flames," said County Parks and Recreation Director Renée Bahl, "and we appreciate the cooperation we have had from our park visitors while fires were restricted."

Since July, all County Parks have been in a stage of extreme fire danger because of the ongoing drought, and the open flame ban temporarily restricted campfires and barbeques.

Campers may bring their own firewood, or may purchase it in most campgrounds, for use in fire rings. County Park and personal barbecues may also be used for cooking in all regional and local picnic parks.

"We know that campfires and barbeques are an important part of the park experience," said Bahl, "and we are glad to be able to lift the ban in time for the holidays."

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